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**On the cover: Sgt. Joseph Keller, Sgt. William L. Berry Jr. and Sgt. Diep Dinh stand at attention during a June 14 ceremony commemorating the Army's 228th birthday. Photo by Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**

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**COMMENTARY**

*A hand up or a hand out ...*

**MSG EMMA KROUSER**  
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*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

– Benjamin Franklin

Things are not as bad in Iraq as some people make it out to be. Yes, there are some hiccups that coalition forces are still trying to work through, but what the Iraqi people have now is far better than what they would have had under the former regime.

The idea of a free and democratic Iraq is a novel one that can be achieved, but with time and effort.

Our soldiers just finished fighting major battles in and around the capital city, as a matter of fact, all over Iraq. No one should expect things to be running as smooth as silk already.

We (coalition forces) are introducing the Iraqi people to a new way of life and new ideals. With that new way of life has to come a new mindset by the Iraqi people. They have to shed the old way of thinking that someone is going to dictate to them everything that happens in their lives.

In other words, don't wait for soldiers to do things for you, do some things for yourself. We want to give you a hand up, not a hand out.

The engineers have been working their butts off to get power restored to Iraq. Several days ago, I overheard an Iraqi translator say he had power for 10 hours one day. That is more power in one day than they are used to getting in two or maybe even, three days. The process is working, it just takes time.

The engineers also worked to restore running water to all areas in Iraq. That, too, was a tremendous undertaking, and it is still a work in progress. It just takes time.

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about how things are done, but what would it be like to do those things here in Baghdad?

The Iraqi people want freedom, but do they know what to do with it? They have to be taught how to deal with this newfound freedom.

I saw some Iraqi men walking across a bridge in Baghdad in peaceful protest a few days ago. Would they have been able to do that under the former regime? I think not! In some instances, they know what it means to have a say in what goes on in their lives, and in others, they want to be told what to do, when to do things and how to do them.

Do they want a hand up or a hand out?

Just as coalition forces distribute fuel and other quality of life needs, we need to educate Iraqis about this new phenomenon called freedom and democracy. They need to understand that America

didn't get where it is today by being given everything, the Republic was built on grit and toil. Some people made the ultimate sacrifice to make America the great nation it is today. Like America, all free countries in the world go through strife and hard times to find what every one dreams of – freedom from tyranny and oppression.

Iraq is in its infancy when it comes to learning and understanding what freedom is all about. People all over Iraq have to crawl, walk and then run, but it won't be easy. If it's going to be worth anything, you have to make sacrifices to get it. The Iraqi people need to get a real taste of what freedom is about.

We want to give them a hand up, not a hand out.



Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

**A soldier from A Co., 4-64 Armor, directs a member of the crowd to an application review desk during a job fair held in Baghdad recently.**

initiative to clean up neighborhoods in the different sectors is up and running. Do the locals really think soldiers are supposed to come in and completely take over cleaning up their neighborhoods? What will the residents be doing, supervising? It is supposed to be about soldiers helping residents take pride in the neighborhoods and working with them.

Now that Iraq has been liberated, someone or some organization needs to work on changing the Iraqi's mindset. Some of these people know one way of life. They have lived in fear for their lives for most of their lives. They have lived in a police state and this change; this revelation of freedom can be frightening, especially if you don't know what it's about. They may have heard

# 315<sup>th</sup> PSYOPS keep communication lines open

**Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson**  
372<sup>nd</sup> MPAD

Distributing important safety information in the battle-ravaged capital of Iraq is not an easy task.

In a city of over five million residents, where radio and television stations, telephone hubs, power grids, public transportation and most government operations all have to be almost completely rebuilt, communication with the public is a difficult job the U.S. Army has taken upon themselves.

Among the most vital tools in this safety information effort is the U.S. Army's Psychological Operations teams.

The 315<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion, an Army Reserve unit from Upland, Calif., is involved in the massive coalition effort of providing literature to the public containing valuable safety information about the possible presence of dangerous explosives in their neighborhoods.

"Our mission is basically encouraging mine and unexploded ordnance awareness primarily through leaflets, posters and face-to-face communication," said Sgt. Stephen Ray Cook, an assistant team leader with the 315<sup>th</sup> Psyops Battalion.

The leaflets, two sided flyers contain computer-generated illustrations of various types of unexploded ordnance and instructions on what to do if you encounter it, are distributed to individuals of all ages.

Children have also become a focus of the missions; the age group Cook said is at the highest risk from UXO hazards.

"We want to make the civilian population aware of the dangers of UXOs and mines left



Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

**Staff Sgt. Thomas Brousseau distributes leaflets to the crowd surrounding a checkpoint in Baghdad. U.S. Army psychological operations teams have been passing out flyers all over the city to inform Iraqis about the dangers of UXO.**

behind due to the conflict in order to avoid any future civilian casualties," Cook said.

The presence of dangerous explosive devices and firearm caches in neighborhoods all over Baghdad is a large problem coalition forces were aware of even before hostilities ended in Iraq, Cook said.

The first step to solving this problem, however, is to educate citizens on the dangers and to inform them of what to do if they should find a mine or weapons cache.

"These people are the ones who were suffering. They are why we are here," said Staff

Sgt. Thomas Brousseau, team leader, 315<sup>th</sup> Psyops.

"I am glad to be serving here and I think it is definitely a worthwhile mission," he said.

The flyer and poster distribution missions are not simply "in and out," Cook said. Psychological operations soldiers have the opportunity to talk and interact with the Iraqi citizens.

"It is good to be able to interact with the people in a positive way," Cook said. "It makes it much easier to give out, and receive helpful safety information."



Sgt. Mark Bell

## Keeping watch...

**Spc. Steve Hervstreith, Sebring, Fla., A Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, keeps a close eye on rush-hour traffic in front of a Bagdad medical clinic. Coalition forces are guarding sensitive areas such as hospitals, museums and government buildings from looters and vandals.**

# 'Can Do' soldiers welcome Luck

SPC. MASON T. LOWERY  
50<sup>th</sup> PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq – Lt. Col. Gary E. Luck Jr. took command of the 'Can Do' Battalion June 7 in a change of command ceremony at Dreamland – a deserted resort 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry soldiers now call home.

"Skip (Luck), welcome aboard. You come with a great reputation. Continue to train the soldiers hard and keep them focused. Have fun commanding – your two years will go by fast," said former 3-15 Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Stephen M. Twitty, who stepped down to begin his next Marne assignment as assistant chief of staff, operations.

Luck observed his soldiers as he stood in front of them for the first time and said, "China, you look great. ... I'm deeply honored to have the opportunity to serve in this organization."

Changing battalion commanders during war might seem strange, but it's a natural part of Army organization. Leaders come and go in the Army, but the soldiers and mission continue, he said.

"Soldiers understand their service is to the nation, the American people and their unit. They understand the importance of this mission and will continue.

"(3-15 soldiers) are well trained and very competent at war fighting. They exhibit professionalism, good discipline and respect for each other and the Iraqi people. They're trying to do the right thing here."

Luck is a 1986 distinguished military graduate from the University of Florida. He holds a masters degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT sent to regain control of Fallujah

STAFF SGT. ANTONY JOSEPH  
50<sup>th</sup> PAD NCOIC

FALLUJAH, Iraq – Spartan Brigade soldiers rolled through Najaf, rumbled through Karbala and thundered into Baghdad to help finish the war in 21 days. Baghdad fell to the Spartans in a day and two days later was under control.

Their success resulted in 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade being given a follow-on mission, about a month later, to quell another hotspot – Fallujah.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team then stayed true to its motto 'Send Me' and blitzed into Fallujah. Col. David G. Perkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Commander, said the focus of the mission here was to provide a safe and secure environment to the people of Fallujah and enable a quick return to normalcy.

To achieve the goals, soldiers were out on patrol the first night they got into town.

"Though there has been some violence, most of it has been directed toward Americans, and that too usually at certain times of

the night. There has been very few cases of Iraqi on Iraqi violence in this city," said Cpt. Matthew Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT battle captain.

Morgan said the brigade's leaders have had meetings with the community's religious and industrial leaders and are working very closely with them. This is to make sure the people of Fallujah can start governing their city without the looting and petty crimes which have been prevalent in this part of the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

"We have only been here about a week; the progress we are making is significant, but we have to be patient. What we are trying to achieve here can't be done overnight," Morgan said.

At present the U. S. Army is the only government in town thus repairing the infrastructure is one of the primary responsibilities. According to Morgan one of the significant points of concern is the economy and employment and payment of workers. "We have to

win the hearts and minds of the people. One of the ways we can do this is by making sure we can get schools and hospitals up to par. The teachers, police, firemen and other civil servants are crucial to the community's success. So we have to try and provide ample employment opportunities and make sure the workers get paid in a timely manner."

According to Spc. Clint J. Dietz, a gunner with E Troop, 9<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, "We are here to make sure that the people here can have a better life. If we can help them fix their electricity, water and get rid of the criminal element that has been causing problems in the city, then we will have done a good job."

He added that in his opinion we have to finish the job here quickly and return home because, "there has to be some closure to this mission."

"We will continue on our path to achieve an environment where the people of Fallujah will need little or no military interaction and become self sufficient," Morgan said.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Commander Col. David G. Perkins hands Lt. Col. Gary E. Luck Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry's guidon June 7 during a change of command ceremony in Fallujah, Iraq.

Before taking over as 3-15 commander, he served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.) liaison officer to V Corps Tactical Command Post during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

From March 2001 to January 2002 he was the chief of plans, Joint Planning Group (B) for Coalition Joint Task Force-180 in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Prior to that, he was the battalion operations officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment from June 2000 to February 2001 with 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

# Fort Hood MPs stay the course

**PFC. BLANKA STRATFORD**  
CJTF-7 PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Although major combat maneuvers associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom have come to an end, danger continues to exist within Iraq.

Unexploded ordnances including mines, grenades and bombs are still threats, as are random attacks by remnants of the former regime.

First Platoon, 410th Military Police Company is one of the units that has been working day and night to guard against such perils.

Based out of Fort Hood, Texas, the 410th has been deployed to Southwest Asia for more than seven months, five of which it spent in Kuwait and two in Iraq. During this time, the company has been split into four platoons, each with a separate mission.

First platoon's "primary function" is Coalition Joint Task Force-7 safety, said Sgt. First Class Arturo Ramos, 1st platoon sergeant. "This entails the security and access control of (Cobra Base), which is a chief meeting ground for military and civilian officials and dignitaries."

Cobra Base houses CJTF-7 headquarters. CJTF-7 was previously named the Coalition Forces Land Component Command and was



**Spc. Derek Shaver, gunner for 410th Military Police Company's 1st platoon, conducts a personnel search on third country nationals that have been hired to maintain the upkeep of the Abu Gharyib Palace in Baghdad.**



Photos by Pfc. Blanka Stratford

**Spc. Felicitas Surovec, gunner for 410th Military Police Company's 1st platoon, keeps an eye on security at the main gate of the Abu Gharyib Palace in Baghdad.**

the headquarters unit responsible for all land combat unit operations.

The defense of Cobra Base is enforced by first platoon's armed security as well as routine vehicle and personnel searches at the main gate, Ramos said.

The team protects the safety of visiting general officers and high profile civilian officials by ensuring that the right people get on the palace grounds and the wrong ones stay out. The platoon also provides security for convoys, said 1st Lt. Iesha Wade, 1st platoon leader, 410th MP Co.

"(First platoon) has really done an outstanding job," Wade said. "They like what they do. They enjoy going on missions; but at the same time, they take them seriously because they are fully aware of the importance of their tasks. My soldiers are my inspiration."

The overall experience in Iraq has been both challenging and rewarding for Wade and her soldiers, and it has taught the team several valuable lessons, Wade said.

"There have been several times that I've felt scared or excited," said Spc. Geronimo Gutierrez, gunner for the 410th. "During those times, thoughts of my family would always come into my mind. It's made me realize just how important my family is to me."

One incident that had a particular effect on Gutierrez was during a dignitary escort to the Coalition Provisional Authority. A surprise shooting occurred in which nobody could

name the source or destination of the rounds fired. At that point, all that Gutierrez could do was react to the sound, make sure his weapon was pointed in that direction and stay alert in case of an attack, he said.

The experience of this deployment also revealed the importance of teamwork, according to Gutierrez.

"I wouldn't trade my team for anything in the world," he said. "We always have each others backs."

For Pfc. Darrell White Jr., driver for the 410th, the deployment has taught him not to take anything for granted.

"This (experience) will inevitably have a profound effect on me when I return home," White said. "Thinking back to my childhood, in comparison to what I've seen, makes me realize just how good I've had it all these years. I am very thankful for that."

Both White and Wade said one of the most difficult things they have had to face was seeing the children of Baghdad pleading for food and water.

"It hurts when you pass by hundreds of kids, and they're sticking their hands out to you," White said. "It gets to your heart."

"I just wish I had the means to help all of them," Wade said. "I think the Iraqi children are the ones that especially need our support. They need to know that Americans are okay and that we're doing all that we can to ensure their safety and well-being."

# Cottonbalers command changes hands

**SGT. CRAIG ZENTKOVICH**  
50<sup>th</sup> PAD

Second Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment changed command June 3 in a ceremony held at the Iraqi Martyr Memorial in Baghdad.

Lt. Col. Todd R. Wood assumed command of the battalion from Lt. Col. Scott E. Rutter, who is retiring after 20 years of active service.

Rutter will go on to serve as a special assistant to the governor of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Wood, an Indianola, Iowa, native, was commissioned a second lieutenant after graduating from Central Missouri State University in 1986.

After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Ranger school, he was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division where he served three years as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, and battalion operations officer.

After completing the Infantry Captain

Career Course, he served with 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as company commander for B Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, and later as a company commander for the Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 125<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion. He was assigned as professor of military science at Southeast Missouri State University from 1994 – 1996.

His last assignment, before arriving to the Marne Division, was as a division plans officer for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault). He also served as executive officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and operations officer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade.

Wood and his wife, Diane, have three children – Bobby, Richard and Ryan.

“(Wood) is a highly proficient and intelligent infantryman,” said Col. William Grimsley, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team commander. “He’s taking command of a great, battle-proven task force. With his skills, abilities and experience, he will be able to take the battalion to new heights.”



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

**Lt. Col. Todd Wood, incoming commander for 2-7 Inf., passes the battalion’s colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Fox, battalion sergeant major.**

## *Iraqi general surrenders to coalition forces*

**SPC. JACOB BOYER**  
3ID (M) PAO

United States and coalition forces accepted the surrender of the first enemy general in Operation Iraqi Freedom in late April when the commander of al armed forces in the western district of Iraq capitulated in Ar Ramadi.

Maj. Gen. Muhammed Thumayla, commander, Western District, surrendered in the name of more than 16,000 soldiers under his command to Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, in a special operations compound 60 kilometers west of the city.

“This is the only official surrender of Iraqi armed forces to the coalition,” Potts said. “I presented our conditions and accepted the surrender from him.”

Although Thumayla had more than 16,000 soldiers under his command, he told Potts the bulk of his force deserted five days after the beginning of the current conflict.

He controlled military forces from Ar Ramadi, a town 50 kilometers west of Baghdad, to the border with Jordan and Syria.

Both Thumayla and his deputy commander were held at the compound by soldiers from 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group and other government agents.

Potts flew to the compound in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, and the surrender was signed in a central courtyard.

After 40 minutes of discussion, Potts and Thumayla signed the documents on a small field table Potts brought to the site.

“I told him I appreciated what he was doing for his nation and the people of Iraq,” said Potts, a Skokie, Ill., native. “This will limit any future bloodshed.”

Potts asked Thumayla to stay in uniform for 30 days, take control of his soldiers and restore order in the Ar Ramadi area.

“At the end, I saluted him,” he said. “I gave him that respect because he is a superior officer. I also gave him and his deputy some very good cigars, as professional soldiers, one to another.”

Potts said he was “honored” to represent coalition forces in accepting the surrender.

Staff Sgt. Paul Sheppard, commander’s driver, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade said while he was happy to see such a large

force capitulate, he had mixed emotions seeing the general after the ceremony. “In a way it was sad, because it seemed like they had nothing to go back to,” he said. “But I think they were happy their men had defected, because it saved lives.”



Spc. Jacob Boyer

**Iraqi Maj. Gen. Muhammed Thumayla reviews the articles of capitulation while Col. Curtis D. Potts, explains the surrender to him through an interpreter.**

# Ironhorse soldiers seize weapons in Tarmiyah

CPL. VERNON R. O'DONNELL  
Task Force Ironhorse PAO

TARMIYAH, Iraq — Members of Task Force Ironhorse conducted a raid in the town of Tarmiyah, located about 30 miles north of Baghdad, May 31, seizing illegal weapons.

The task force combined elements of the Oklahoma National Guard with 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and units from 4th ID's Division Artillery.

"We were informed that there were a couple of households housing weapons in the village," said Staff Sgt. Walter A. Hynson, a section leader, 1st Bn., 44th ADA, explaining the reason for the raid.

"We also had an incident where one of our vehicles was hit by small arms fire."

The process of planning and executing the raid took place over a three-day period and was made up of multiple missions.

"First we had to recon the area and determine the houses that were the threat," said 2nd Lt. Jason M. Connor, platoon leader, 2nd



Sgt. Jeremiah Lancaster

**Seen through a night-vision device, 1st AD soldiers maintain security while searching buildings for weapons, ammo and other illegal items in Baghdad.**

Platoon, 1-44 ADA.

"Then we constructed a terrain map board to show the soldiers the area in which the raid would be taking place. After going over the raid on the map board, we had mounted rehearsals to go over the specific movements all of the soldiers would be making."

The raid took place once plans for the mis-

sion were finalized and all of the soldiers involved knew their assignments.

"Our leaders put together the plan for us to come in late at night. We had to come in swiftly and take out those people who took part in the small arms fire incident and to confiscate any weapons that were found," Hynson said.

The vehicles approached the infantry soldiers' target areas. Then soldiers entered the houses and detained the suspects and seized the weapons while the unit's Bradley Linebackers supplied security and blocked the roads.

These raids are necessary to ensure safety for soldiers living and

working in the area, and also for the local citizens, Hynson said.

"This is important for the Iraqis," Hynson said. "(The Iraqis) deserve safety; they've spent years and years being oppressed by a ruthless dictator who really didn't have any feelings or even care (about them). They need to experience the freedom that we experience in our country."

## On patrol...

Pfc. Wonjae Kang, an infantryman with Task Force 2-69 Armor, and Los Angeles native, scans the horizon while patrolling the Tigris River. The unit was tasked to patrol the area in search of unexploded ordnance, weapons and to provide security. The soldiers also provided assistance to psychological operations and civil affairs units by distributing information to the local communities.



Spc. Adam Nuelken



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The color guard, provided by 123rd Signal Battalion, stands in front of Division headquarters (forward) during the Marne Division's celebration of the U.S. Army's 228th birthday June 14.



Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, commanding general, 2nd Lt. Pete Frometa, youngest division commander, Maj. Julian Kellman, division sergeant major and Pvt. 2 Shantel Hines, youngest division enlisted soldier, cut the Army birthday cake.

## Marne Division celebrates Army's 228<sup>th</sup> at BIAP

**SPC. JACOB BOYER**  
3ID (M) PAO

Marne soldiers deployed to Iraq gathered in front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.)'s headquarters for a ceremony to mark the Army's 228<sup>th</sup> birthday June 14 at Baghdad International Airport.

A color guard from 123<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion presented the colors and Staff Sgt. Ann Todd, division chaplain's office noncommissioned officer in charge, gave the invocation to start the ceremony, which centered around the theme: "The Army – At War and Transforming."

"We should take the time to pay homage to a great organization," said Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division sergeant major. "It's important for younger soldiers to realize the Army's birthday is something to be observed, whether we're in the field or at Fort Stewart."

Following Todd's invocation and "The Star-Spangled Banner," a brief history of the Army was read and a role call of the Army's conflicts was given.

A birthday message from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley was read by Spc. Valerie Pohlsen, administrative assistant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. (Mech.).

"From its earliest days, our Army fought for America's freedom," Tilley's letter said. "Now, more than two centuries later, we find ourselves locked in another battle for our nation's survival. For the first time since World War II, our Army is engaged in fighting directly for the American people. This war is about our future. It is about ensuring that our children and our grandchildren enjoy the same liberties that we cherish."

Tilley's letter also said that even though the tools soldiers use have changed, soldiers remain "the core of our success."

"Whether he uses a bayonet or an Apache helicopter, the American soldier is the most lethal weapon in the world. That is why our Army's transformation efforts are centered on the soldier. We must move forward to meet the challenges of the future."

The soldiers sang "The Dog Face Soldier" song and "The Army Song." Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, division commander, and Kellman cut the Army's birthday cake with the division's youngest officer and enlisted soldier to conclude the ceremony.

After the ceremony, soldiers gathered in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation room for a reception that included cake and beverages.

"It's important for us to remember our Army's heritage," said Spc. Matthew Bowen, information systems operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion. "We need to reflect on the history of our nation and the reasons we're willing to fight for freedom and liberty."

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Above left, Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division sergeant major, slices cake for soldiers. Above right, Col. Lyle Casey, staff judge advocate, passes out cake to soldiers following the ceremony.

Photos by Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Division officer, Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, cut the cake.

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Following the ceremony, soldiers were treated to cake and punch.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Shawndell Rouse salutes during the playing of the national anthem.



Right, soldiers sing "The Dog Face Soldier" song at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

# Corporation donates food to local orphanages

STAFF SGT. CONRAD COLLEGE  
372nd MPAD

The Iraq office of DHL Worldwide Express recently donated about \$20,000 worth of food, bottled water and other supplies to five orphanages here in Baghdad.

Soldiers from the Army Reserve's 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion out of Greensboro, N.C., assisted in the delivery.

DHL also purchased propane gas, which is used for cooking, for the orphanages, according to Peter Toghill, country manager for DHL.

Toghill, along with Phil Armatage and Heyrick Bond, the delivery service's in-country operations managers, helped the soldiers load and unload the trucks.

Two cargo trucks, furnished by 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, carried the goods to the orphanages.

"People were asking, 'Where did we buy these goods?'" (since many stores in Baghdad are just starting to reopen for business), Toghill said. "It's very simple. We just went to the supermarket in Bahrain and bought the food and supplies.

"The bill was over a little over \$20,000, but we are very glad to be able to help the children in these orphanages in Baghdad."

The merchandise included staples such as rice, beans, sugar, salt and some canned meats, but also long-shelf-life milk, bottled water, tea, disposable diapers and cleaning supplies.

They even threw in a few new toys and



Spc. Chad Wilkerson

**DHL representatives download items from a vehicle provided by the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion. The corporation purchased about \$20,000 worth of food and supplies for five Baghdad orphanages.**

soccer balls for each orphanage.

The staff and children of each orphanage were very happy to receive the donated food and other supplies, according to Capt. Stacey Simms, 422nd civil affairs team leader.

"Some of the directors of the orphanages were very surprised to see us pull up with these two big trucks," Simms said. "Others said through translators, that they were really relieved, because they were running low on food, drinking water and supplies for the chil-

dren," he added.

Since the war, orphanages, like other homes and offices in Baghdad, were seriously hampered by a lack of electricity, safe drinking water, and many other necessities.

But, thanks to the efforts of the civil affairs teams and the U.S. Office for the Coalition Provisional Authority, public utilities are starting to work again, people are getting back to work and the country is gradually returning to peacetime normalcy.

## *Injured soldiers honored on Army birthday*

ALFONSO LOPEZ  
ARNEWS

WASHINGTON – Injured soldiers from Operation Iraqi Freedom shared an Army birthday cake with Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee June 11.

A gathering of recovering troops convened at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for a special birthday party, this being the Army's 228th year. This ceremony was held for those who would otherwise be unable to attend festivities elsewhere.

Brownlee greeted each of the soldiers, after which all joined in singing happy birthday to the Army. Both the youngest and oldest soldier there joined Brownlee to cut the cake.

Cpl. Allan Doyle was in high spirits. He is one of two servicemen chosen for a documentary on soldiers in recovery.

Just before moving on to patients in other wards, an awards ceremony was held. Cpl. Ricky A. Nelson and Pfc. Daniel Bazavilvazo, both from Fort Stewart, Ga., received Purple Hearts presented to them by Brownlee.

Nelson suffered a leg injury in May. He said his reception upon return was "a lot better than I expected it to be." Of the time spent in Iraq, Nelson said that "taking the airport, that was probably the heaviest firefight we saw."

Nelson's family has supported him from the beginning, he said.

"My wife came down for a couple of weeks" to Walter Reed, he said. He added that he expects to be able to walk eventually.

For Bazavilvazo, the award was as much an honor as it was unexpected. He was on a rooftop at night when he abruptly came under fire. Bazavilvazo spent five months overseas before being wounded and he has been a patient at Walter Reed for about three weeks. From his hospital bed he reflects upon his time with his unit and said he wants to rejoin them. For the time being, he has his family by his side.

"They've been here with me all this time," he said.

Brownlee told the soldiers: "I think the American people understand more than they ever have how important the military is, because you are the only ones that are standing between them and those ruthless and dangerous terrorists that are out there in the world."

## Getting back on track

# Finance soldiers help revive Iraqi economy

**SPC. VERNON R. O'DONNELL**  
Task Force Ironhorse PAO

TIKRIT, Iraq – The 230th Finance Battalion from Fort Hood, Texas, is working to restore commerce and stabilize the economy in the Salah Ad Din province of Iraq.

“The immediate goal is to make sure the system can function,” said Lt. Col. Scott A. Schmidt, commander, 230th Finance Bn. “The long-term goal is to work on developing a better system.”

Restoring commerce in Iraq to pre-war levels and then moving it beyond that mark is a daunting task, Schmidt said.

It requires a great deal of work on the part of the soldiers in a variety of sectors, said Schmidt.

“To help the local economy, we have to work heavily with the local commerce leaders on issues with business, civilian supply, agriculture, trade, and the banks,” Schmidt said.

Each of the areas needed restructuring after the removal of the previous regime, but the banks needed the most assistance, he said.

“We are most directly involved in the banks – helping the banking systems become sound,” Schmidt said.

“It is a very good banking system, very similar to that of the U.S.; but they were ran-

sacked by looters and were closed for an extended period of time.”

“The first thing to do was to get out to the banks and make sure they had money and could open,” said Maj. Matthew Voithofer, executive officer, 230th Finance. “Then we

It has been really interesting to figure out and see how they interact with each other.”

Once a basic understanding of the system was established, the main focus shifted to getting the people of Iraq their money.

Government employees were not being paid and other citizens couldn't access their money because the banks were closed.

According to Schmidt, most of the workers now have access to their money.

“Our main goal was to make sure the common worker could buy groceries,” said Voithofer, who has worked finance for his entire 14 years in the Army.

In order to make sure there are groceries for the people to buy, the soldiers have also been working closely with the



Spc. Vernon R. O'Donnell

**Lt. Col. Scott A. Schmidt, commander, 230th Finance Battalion, discusses future meetings with bank officials while at the governor's house in Tikrit. Soldiers with the 230th Finance Bn. from Fort Hood, Texas, are working to help revive the economy and restore commerce in the Salah Ad Din province of Iraq.**

opened them slowly under a limited set of rules.”

Members of the battalion performed bank audits and verified cash balances and the accounting processes at both private and government banks, according to Schmidt.

These actions helped expedite the process of getting the banks fully open for business.

Additionally, former members of the Ba'ath Party, and other government figures on the “blacklist,” were identified to prevent them from accessing their accounts.

Working with the banks is the most time-consuming aspect of the battalion's mission, but it wasn't the most difficult task the soldiers faced.

“The hardest part of working with their commerce was figuring out all of the different agencies out there,” Schmidt said. “They have an elaborate matrix of organizational structures.”

Ministry of Agriculture.

The agriculture sector of this province was rather well developed because of the UN's oil-for-food program, according to Voithofer.

A high degree of technology is present and provides a solid foundation upon which the soldiers can help the Iraqis build.

“It was interesting for me walking through the Ministry of Agriculture,” said Schmidt, a native of Gretna, Neb. “I saw that they had over one thousand center pivot irrigation systems, and some of them were ordered from Valley CPI, a company from Nebraska.”

The variety of missions the finance soldiers are performing will help Iraq establish a stable economy, according to Schmidt.

“The key thing is to get this country back on stable footing,” he said. “Set it back as it was, and then make it better—and the quality of life of the common Iraqi should increase exponentially.”



Spc. Adam Nuelken

**An Iraqi citizen who works for the Ministry of Education counts his pay.**

# SJA gives Iraqi courts a helping hand

SPC. KATHERINE ROBINSON  
50<sup>th</sup> PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq – The Iraqi judicial system began prosecuting criminal cases again for the first time since the beginning of the war.

Members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mech.) Office of the Staff Judge Advocate are in Fallujah with 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team to help out.

The SJA attorneys bring prisoners, evidence, documentation and witnesses to court, but stay in the background as far as trials, said Capt. Michael Scionti, chief of foreign claims.

The ultimate goal is to get to the point where the judicial system is completely independent of the American military.

Eventually, the Iraqi police should make arrests instead of military police, and locals should handle the entire process, said Maj. Robert Resnick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. chief of justice. “We want this to be their mission entirely. We’d like to have it that way within a month.”

There hasn’t been a criminal proceeding since the war, mainly because the Iraqi police department has been unable to adequately police, Scionti said. “We presented the possibility that we can bring criminal cases if they

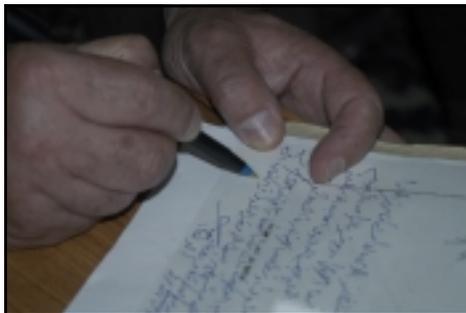


**Abbas Mahmoud Mousa Sarhan, a senior Fallujah judge, signs legal documents in the chief judge's chambers during the hearing June 11.**



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

**Maj. Robert Resnick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. chief of justice (right), talks to translator Hutheifa Hamed Mohammed while prosecutor Noori Nawaf Su'ud Reehan looks on.**



**Sarhan signs legal documents in the chief judge's chambers.**

could prosecute them.

“They educated us as to what was needed and what was required,” he added.

The first three cases brought before the court were looters arrested by the U.S. military.

The Iraqi judicial system has been in place for years and is very precise. Before the looters could go to trial, they had to have two preliminary hearings.

On June 10, the court held a preliminary detention hearing. The judge said there was sufficient evidence then to convict the accused, according to Resnick, but he wanted to do the trial exactly by the book, and asked the military to bring in more documentation such as diagrams, birth dates and national identification cards.

On June 11, a second preliminary hearing

was held to go over the evidence and schedule a trial.

The military attorneys waited in the chief judge’s chambers instead of being present at the hearing.

“They are going out of their way to show us how thoroughly independent and judicious they are,” Resnick said. “They wanted us to know everybody is judged equally by the law ... there’s a real society and culture here that has been unfortunately squashed ... under Saddam, but it’s emerging again.

Naseeb A’aed Jawher, chief judge in Fallujah, who has been on the bench since 1983, said the Americans are being very helpful but not interfering with the judicial process.

“We don’t care what the result is,” Scionti said. “We just want to help them.”

Jawher said the situation in Fallujah has improved considerably since the military began trying to accommodate the needs of the people, and his view of the U.S. forces has changed for the better just since 2<sup>nd</sup> BCTs arrival on June 5.

“(The court personnel) have sworn to me their allegiance to the coalition,” Resnick said.

With the first parts of the process over, less than five days after the initial SJA proposal, the court is ready to conduct its first trial in free Iraq.

# GLOBAL NEWS

## Troops search for suspected militia leaders

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. Army units moved in force June 15 to seal off the conservative town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, intending to raid the homes of suspected militia leaders and search for illegal weapons.

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade targeted locations where intelligence reports indicated militia operations were underway or weapons stockpiled for use against U.S. forces. The operation was called "Spartan Scorpion."

The initial thrust against the city 37 miles from the capital met no resistance, but Iraqis sounded sirens and flashed their porch lights in apparent warning to each other that American troops were coming.

The 2nd Brigade entered Fallujah and the nearby towns of Habaniyah and Khaldiyyah on June 4, tripling the number of U.S. troops in the area after repeated ambushes on supply convoys.

The brigade's mission was to defeat anti-American militias and help restore local government of finances and infrastructure.

The raids across Fallujah by Task Force 3-15, Task Force 1-64 and Task Force Enforcer — using more than 1,300 soldiers — began at about 3 a.m., just three hours after a deadline for Iraqis to turn in heavy weapons under an amnesty program.

On June 14, warnings were broadcast on mosque loud speakers that the United States likely would raid Fallujah after the amnesty ended.

The raid against Fallujah followed an extensive action last week, dubbed Operation Peninsula Strike, against the so-called "Sunni triangle" north and west of Baghdad. That operation was completed successfully, the military said.

About 60 of the 400 people detained dur-

ing that search-and-seizure operation remained in custody for further interrogation, the U.S. Central Command said.

Those in custody included former Iraqi generals of Saddam Hussein's army — Maj. Gen. Abul Ali Jasmin, the secretary of the defense ministry, and Brig. Gen. Abdullah Ali

tank rocket launchers, 11 anti-aircraft weapons and hundreds of assault rifles and handguns — represented a fraction of the weapons believed to be in Baghdad's streets.

As the program ended, the American civilian administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, warned that anyone found with an unauthorized weapon from June 15 on could be jailed for up to a year and fined.

Iraqis were allowed to keep small arms, including assault rifles, in their homes and businesses for their own protection, but could not carry them in public, said Bremer's order, published after midnight.

"No one in Iraq, unless duly authorized, may possess, conceal, hide or bury" banned weapons, said the order. Family heirlooms also had to meet the requirements.

In recent weeks in Fallujah, brigade commander Col. David Perkins met repeatedly with local political, religious and business leaders to determine what

needed to be done to restore the region to normalcy.

Town councils and police were given authority to control the city and Perkins instructed his troops to respect the conservative Sunni Muslim customs of the region.

To demonstrate the readiness of U.S. troops to help residents, a massive delivery of humanitarian aid was scheduled for June 15.

Cargo trucks were standing by to deliver loads of medical and school supplies, as well as soccer balls and toys for children.

The operation typified the kind of "carrot-and-stick" approach Perkins and other commanders have said was necessary to put down anti-American forces, but also to win the support of regular citizens.



3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) soldiers patrol in Fallujah, Iraq, where they have faced several attacks recently.

Jasmin, head of the Iraqi military academy.

With OH-1 KIOWA observation helicopters whirring overhead at the outset of the operation, one company of about 100 soldiers searched six farm houses in the northwest side of the city.

Soldiers roused the residents from their beds, including women and children sleeping outside in the cool night air.

The troops, wearing night vision devices under a bright full moon, found no weapons.

Iraqi and U.S. military police said Saturday that few Iraqis were handing over weapons under the amnesty program because of the fragile security situation.

On the final day before the deadline, weapons collection centers were quiet.

The array of arms handed in — 162 anti-

# Troops to leave Liberia's streets

CNN

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberian President Charles Taylor has ordered the withdrawal of his troops from the streets a day after he agreed to a truce with rebels.

Taylor said Thursday he would try and return Liberia to a sense of normality after weeks of bloodshed in which about 500 civilians have lost their lives in ethnic fighting.

The capital Monrovia has been under siege for days as government soldiers battled rebels on the city's outskirts.

But a question mark hangs over whether he will stand down. He has said he is prepared to walk away from the post when his presidency ends in January.

"I am prepared to be the fall guy, to be the whipping post to bring peace to this nation," he said. "I will be the sacrifice for the sake of Liberia."

But Thursday he said he will not leave while a U.N. war crimes indictment for alleged actions in Sierra Leone is in place.

He insisted he will leave on his own terms, referring to his position as "non-negotiable."

"No white boy from Washington can walk

into Africa and indict a sitting African president," Taylor said, who called the action racist.

"The question of this indictment is principal for peace in Liberia," he was quoted by



AP

Liberians queue for rice in the besieged capital, Monrovia.

Reuters as saying. "That whole stigma must be removed. How they do it is up to them, but it has to be removed."

Taylor wants to help bring about a transitional government after a cease-fire is signed.

He also addressed the issue of peacekeeping, an issue African diplomats made in talks with him that led to the truce announcement.

Diplomats and political officials are hoping that representatives of Taylor's government and the rebels will sign a cease-fire agreement as early as Friday. Peace talks between representatives of Taylor and the rebels are being held in Ghana.

A rebel deadline of Wednesday for Taylor to stand down passed without the threatened military takeover of Monrovia.

The latest push by rebels is the most intense yet in a three-year campaign to drive out Taylor, and has left them on the outskirts of the capital Monrovia.

Ahmed Rajab, editor of Africa Analysis, told CNN: "There is no way out for Taylor. It is just a matter of time before he stands down and I think he knows that himself."

He called on the international community to strengthen its peacekeeping force to ensure the stability of an interim government. Rajab said Taylor's departure would be welcomed. The president has been blamed for fanning troubles in neighboring countries, such as Sierra Leone, and bringing economic ruin to his own country.

# Ship explodes during clash with Sri Lankan navy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A Tamil Tiger rebel ship with 12 people aboard exploded and sank June 14 during a clash with a Sri Lankan navy patrol off the northeastern coast, military officials and rebel sources said.

Rebels said all 12 crew jumped from the ship before it exploded and were captured by the navy, but the navy denied their claims.

Meanwhile, snipers, believed to be Tamil Tiger rebels, killed a leading Tamil politician in the northern city of Jaffna on Saturday, military officials said.

Subathran, a leader of the Jaffna unit of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, was killed while doing his morning exercises on the rooftop of his home, said a military official on condition of anonymity.

His party is opposed to the Liberation Tigers of Tamileelam, which controls much of the Jaffna Peninsula.

The rebels and the government signed a cease-fire in February 2002 ending 19 years of fighting, and navy patrols in the area seek to prevent the rebels from smuggling in weapons.

The morning of the incident, a navy patrol craft spotted the rebel

vessel being towed by smaller rebel boats to the coast.

The navy ordered the ship to stop and then fired warning shots when the order was ignored, a military official said on condition of anonymity.

Another navy patrol craft joined in the operation. The rebels, seeing they were outnumbered, withdrew their smaller boats and the ship exploded moments later, the official said.

The military has said the rebels have previously destroyed their own ships to cover up weapons smuggling.

Rebel spokesman Daya Master said the navy attacked and sank the boat in international waters. He didn't say what it had been carrying.

The 12 rebel crew members jumped off the vessel wearing safety jackets moments before the explosion and were captured by the navy, the spokesman said.

"We don't know what has happened to them. We have asked the cease-fire monitors to ensure that they are unharmed," he said.

Navy spokesman Capt. Jayantha Perera, however, denied arresting the rebels and said they wouldn't have survived the explosion.

He also said the navy was searching another suspected rebel vessel that accompanied the one that sank.

# Troops, families await war's *real* end

## USA TODAY

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Army Spc. Casey Wilcox has experienced a lifetime of emotions in the past three months. He fought a war. He mourned the death of a fellow soldier. He celebrated the birth of his first child from thousands of miles away.

Last week, just when he thought he was going home in victory to meet his son, Dawson, Wilcox struggled with a crushing disappointment. His brigade was redeployed to this city, where U.S. forces have met some of the worst violence since President Bush declared on May 1 that major combat was over.

"I don't think I've ever been so devastated as on the day they told us," says Wilcox, 20, of Hinesville, Ga. "I've cried several times since then." At home, his wife was equally dashed and says she cried all day. "I don't think it's fair," Michelle Wilcox says.

For the 140,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, the war doesn't seem to end. Some feel angry that they're still here, guilty that they're not with their families and perplexed that their reward for capturing Baghdad has been extra duty in a country they have grown to dislike.

Their families, who watched the liberation of Iraq on TV, expected a clean end to the a hard-fought war. Instead, they worry their loved ones could die keeping peace in a country where U.S. forces are widely regarded as occupiers, not liberators.

Iraq is still a dangerous place. During the 43-day war, 139 U.S. servicemembers died — an average of about three deaths a day. In the six weeks since, 44 have been killed — about one a day.

U.S. forces have recently faced stepped-up attacks, particularly in this central Iraq region where Saddam Hussein loyalists are still active. U.S. officers say the attacks are isolated and don't represent a widespread guerrilla movement. In the past three weeks, 10 U.S. troops have been killed by enemy ambushes or attacks.

In response, the Army has been patrolling more aggressively, attempting to draw out and crush pockets of resistance.

Large numbers of U.S. troops will probably be in Iraq for at least a year. As military units rotate home, others will take their place in the danger zone. And more families back

home will worry about their soldier, Marine, sailor or airman who may be in harm's way.

"Do I think the war is over? No. I think it's an ongoing struggle that we will have to deal with for years," says Vivian LaMont of Eureka, Calif., who buried her son Saturday. Capt. Andrew LaMont, 31, was one of four Marines killed May 19 when their helicopter snagged power lines and crashed into a canal



**Ryan Griffin, brother of Army Spc. Kyle A. Griffin who was killed in an accident in Iraq on May 30, reaches for his brother's casket. Griffin's father looks on.**

Baghdad when he was killed by a sniper's bullet.

Griffin was sent to the Persian Gulf after Bush declared that combat essentially was over. That had comforted his wife and his father but not him. He had told his wife: "It's still going on. People don't like us over there, and (U.S. troops) are going to die."

"It shouldn't have happened," Michelle Griffin says. "And it makes me angry that they're saying the war is over, because it's not. People are still dying."

On May 18, Army Lt. Col. Dominic Rocco Baragona, 42, was in a convoy heading for Kuwait City to load his battalion's gear on ships. Then the soldiers were to fly home to Fort Sill in Oklahoma.

Baragona found time to e-mail his father, Dominic, in St. George Island, Fla. "Dad, a couple of bullets whizzed by our heads, but we're now 60 miles south of Baghdad and we're home free," he wrote. Minutes later in a conversation by satellite phone, he confirmed to his father that he was USA-bound. "So I asked him, 'Rock, what's the worst thing that can happen now?' " his father says. "And he said, 'Dad, something stupid can happen.'

The next day, near Safwan, a tractor-trailer in the convoy jackknifed and smashed Baragona's Humvee. He became the highest-ranking U.S. officer to die in Iraq.

"For me to fix blame, it wouldn't be fair," his father says. "The only thing I'd kind of like to say is that ... I hope all these things they're lookin' for, I hope they find them. ... Then I will feel in my heart that the ultimate sacrifice that he made has *some* kind of justification."

Many of the soldiers in Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad, said their redeployment here was not how they wanted to end their time in Iraq. The city has been the scene of almost daily clashes between American troops and Saddam loyalists since U.S. forces killed at least 15 demonstrators and wounded 78 others in two confrontations in April.

Extending their stint at least two months in Fallujah is eating at the morale of many soldiers. "It's hell," says Spc. Kevin Hohn, 21, of Batesville, Miss. "You had your goal set — going home — and then you get slapped in the face and told to stay."

near Hillah. A fifth Marine drowned when he dived into the canal to try to rescue the crew.

The televised images of President Bush landing on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln on May 1 struck a note of triumph. In a speech from the deck, Bush declared an end to major combat operations. Many military families had the impression of a conclusive end to the war, only to be shattered by the loss of a loved one in the unsettled aftermath in Iraq.

"I thought the war was over," says Candice Benavides, 18, of San Diego, Texas. Her cousin, Army medic Amancio Perez III, 22, was killed in an ambush May 28. "I would never have expected casualties among U.S. soldiers (after the war)."

At Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, Michelle Griffin says she is proud of her husband but is angry about his death on May 13. Staff Sgt. Patrick Griffin Jr., 31, a data systems technician, was in a convoy carrying air-traffic-control equipment from Kuwait to



# Sports Highlights



## NBA

### Wednesday

#### Game 4

New Jersey 77, San Antonio 76  
Series tied 2-2

### Friday

#### Game 5

San Antonio 93, New Jersey 83  
Spurs lead 3-2

## WNBA

### Tuesday

Washington 79, San Antonio 72  
NY Liberty 73, Cleveland 55  
Houston 71, Sacramento 66  
Seattle 78, Indiana 51  
LA Sparks 76, Minnesota 75

### Thursday

Charlotte 58, Phoenix 50  
Sacramento 68, Minnesota 55  
LA Sparks 74, Indiana 66

### Friday

Connecticut 84, Washington 70

## Saturday

LA Sparks 67, NY Liberty 60  
Detroit 93, Washington 56  
Cleveland 84, Connecticut 56  
San Antonio 62, Charlotte 52  
Phoenix 76, Houston 61  
Indiana 79, Sacramento 67  
Minnesota 77, Seattle 72

## MLB

### INTERLEAGUE

### Wednesday

Chicago 7, Baltimore 6  
Boston 13, St. Louis 1  
Cleveland 3, San Diego 2  
Los Angeles 3, Detroit 1  
NY Yankees 8, Houston 5  
Toronto 8, Pittsburgh 5  
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 6  
San Fran 11, Chicago Sox 4  
Arizona 4, Kansas City 3  
Minnesota 7, Colorado 4  
NY Mets 8, Texas 2  
Anaheim 5, Philadelphia 3  
Atlanta 11, Oakland 6  
Montreal 3, Seattle 1

Florida 6, Milwaukee 5

### Thursday

NY Yankees 6, Houston 5  
Atlanta 4, Oakland 2  
Baltimore 6, Chicago 1  
St. Louis 8, Boston 7  
San Diego 9, Cleveland 4  
Los Angeles 3, Detroit 2  
Toronto 5, Pittsburgh 4  
Cincinnati 2, Tampa Bay 1  
San Francisco 8, Chicago Sox 4  
Arizona vs. Kansas City ppd  
Minnesota 15, Colorado 3  
NY Mets 11, Texas 0  
Anaheim 5, Philadelphia 3  
Seattle 1, Montreal 0  
Milwaukee 6, Florida 5

### Friday

Baltimore 7, Milwaukee 2  
Boston 4, Houston 3  
Los Angeles 4, Cleveland 3  
Colorado 7, Detroit 2  
NY Yankees 5, St. Louis 2  
Toronto 5, Chicago Cubs 1  
Tampa Bay 7, Pittsburgh 1  
Chicago Sox 5, San Diego 3

Kansas City 6, San Fran 1  
Minnesota 3, Arizona 1  
Florida 8, Texas 0  
NY Mets 7, Anaheim 3  
Oakland 8, Montreal 4  
Seattle 2, Atlanta 1

### Saturday

Los Angeles 5, Cleveland 2  
NY Yankees 13, St. Louis 4  
Atlanta 3, Seattle 1  
Oakland 5, Montreal 4  
Chicago Cubs 4, Toronto 2  
Pittsburgh 12, Tampa Bay 9  
Milwaukee 8, Baltimore 3  
Boston 8, Houston 4  
Chicago Sox 6, San Diego 5  
Detroit 9, Colorado 7  
San Francisco 7, Kansas 4  
Arizona 9, Minnesota 2  
Texas 13, Florida 2  
Anaheim 11, NY Mets 3

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Friday

Cincinnati 15, Philadelphia 1

## N.J. style celebration

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Thousands of fans jammed Continental Airlines Arena's parking lot June 14 for a rousing tailgate party and to salute the New Jersey Devils, who claimed possession of a third Stanley Cup days ago by vanquishing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in seven games.

"This may be a parking lot, but it's the only parking lot that's got the Stanley Cup," comedian and New Jersey native Joe Piscopo, who emceed the event, declared.

## Brett Bodine crashes

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Brett Bodine crashed during practice June 14 at Michigan International Speedway and was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

Bodine was briefly unconscious, said brother Todd Bodine. Bodine crashed when he appeared to run over a piece of debris left on the track by another car, cutting his right front tire.

Bodine's wreck follows two fiery crashes in the Pocono 500 on June 8.

## Neuheisel still fighting

MEDINA, Wash. — Rick Neuheisel maintains he did not break NCAA rules when he gambled on college basketball tournaments and believes he should keep his job as Washington's football coach. Two days after athletic director Barbara Hedges recommended his firing, Neuheisel offered to resign his position if the NCAA finds him guilty of a major violation. "I remain confident that there will be no finding of any major infraction at the NCAA level," Neuheisel said.

## Furyk makes his move

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. — Shooting for his first major title, Jim Furyk grabbed the third-round lead at the U.S. Open on Saturday. Furyk shot 67 to move to 10-under par, three shots ahead of Stephen Leaney, who endured an up-and-down round of 2-under 68.

"I consider myself a very hard worker and a guy that can grind it out in tough conditions. And if things turn bad, I'm a guy that doesn't quit," said Furyk.

## Roddick edges Agassi

LONDON — Andy Roddick served at 149 mph to equal the world record and beat Andre Agassi for the first time, winning 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6) Saturday to reach the final at Queen's Club. Roddick, who will face Sebastien Grosjean, had his record serve early in the second set, matching Greg Rusedski's mark of five years ago. His victory came a day after the second-seeded Agassi took over the No. 1 ranking on the ATP Tour.

## U.S. slams Ireland 5-0

SALT LAKE CITY — Julie Foudy had a goal and two assists, and Abby Wambach scored her first two goals of the season as the United States beat Ireland 5-0 June 14 in an exhibition match. The Americans outshot the Irish team 24-0 and playing most of the game on their opponents' half of the field. The match was originally scheduled to be against South Korea, but the SARS outbreak delayed a World Cup qualifying tournament in Asia.